

I am writing to oppose relaxing the ownership requirements for radio stations. I live in a rural area, and recently, Clear Channel has purchased most of the stations in the market (Cumulus broadcasting owns the other stations). Since the purchase of these local stations, we have lost virtually all local news and programming. Many years ago, I worked at a small town AM/FM combo. The station owner lived in the community, was on the air, and part of the local business community. Today, that station is owned by an out of state conglomerate. There is very little local news, weather or sports. I am sure that Clear Channel, Cumulus, Infinity and all the other giant media conglomerates would love to expand further, but please consider the PUBLIC. Your job is not to enrich corporations, but rather to best serve the public interest.

Thanks for your time